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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN
BOUNDARIES OF STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREAS (SRA)
AFFECTING FIRE SERVICE**

Notice is hereby given that the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) §4125 and in response to the Legislature's direction, is reviewing the current boundaries of State Responsibility Areas which were previously established pursuant to PRC §4126-4128. Within the designated boundaries, the State, through the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, has primary financial responsibility for preventing and suppressing wildfires.

HEARING DATE: March 6, 2002
TIME: 10:00 am
LOCATION: Resources Building Auditorium
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA

The Board, at the above noted hearing, will receive the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection's recommendations for boundary adjustments. The recommendations have been developed after detailed local and statewide review consistent with criteria approved by the Board and Director. The Board will further take public testimony at the hearing and based on discussion will decide which of the Director's recommendations to approve. The review criteria are set forth in the publication titled, State Responsibility Area Classification System, as updated February 1, 1982. The maps are adopted and amended by reference made in Title 14, California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) §1220.

The Legislature directed the Board to make this review for the purpose of excluding areas that should be the financial responsibility of local or federal agencies to protect from wildfire.

This review is a ministerial act (14 CCR §1152 and 15268) of applying set criteria to determine which areas conform to such criteria and neither imposes duties on the general public nor restricts public use of those lands. The effect of deleting lands from State Responsibility Areas is to remove the primary financial responsibility for the prevention and suppression of wildfires burning on those lands from the State. The effect of including additional lands is the place primary financial responsibility for prevention and suppression of wildfires on the State. The proposed change, in terms of the current total SRA acreage, includes:

City Annexations and Incorporations:	-186,071
Federal Land Acquisitions:	- 12,170
Land Use changes increasing SRA:	57,883
Land Use Changes decreasing SRA:	- <u>23,984</u>
Proposed Net Change:	-164,342

Written comments may also be submitted, prior to the hearing, by mail to the Board. Comments sent by mail must be received by March 4, 2002 to be included in the record of hearing. Send written comments to: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460.